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The Times' Daily Short Story.

A KISS IN THE DARK

(Original.)

"It is a serious matter, Sarah, the attentions of this young Cameron to Carrie. He's as wild as a hawk."

"What makes you think so?" asked the wife.

"It's rather what I hear than what I see. They say he flits from one girl to another like a honeybee. Now, this young Lamkie is different. He'll soon have graduated from the Theological seminary and will settle down to his church. He means business. The other fellow is just amusing himself."

"Well, I don't know. Cameron is a sprightly young fellow, and I don't think there's any bad in him."

The rivals were certainly very different. Evan Cameron was a whole souled, half fellow well met young man who usually made himself out much worse than he was. The consequence was that every one except Carrie Wood's father considered him a trifle better than he was. Farnham Lamkie looked with horror on all that was not positively righteous, consequently some people regarded him not quite so good as he pretended. However, both young men were unexceptional characters, and either would have made a good husband for Carrie Wood. Carrie preferred Cameron, but her father was so bitterly opposed to him that she dare not encourage him.

Evan was bright enough to see which way the wind blew. Indeed he was informed by a friend who was intimate with the Woods that Mr. Wood considered him a better man than Lamkie a man to be greatly esteemed. Evan was not one to rest content in his rival's appearing so much better than himself and set his wits to work to invent some method of getting ahead of the immaculate theologian. The problem was too difficult to be solved till opportunity came to his rescue. It happened in this wise:

Mr. and Mrs. Wood invited their own and their daughter's friends to an evening's entertainment, wherein a lecturer accompanied his discourse with stereopticon views, the subject being a trip to the Holy Land. Mr. Lamkie and Mr. Cameron were both present, Mr. Lamkie in high feather, the occasion being in his line. As to Mr. Cameron, with his usual self disapprobation, he remarked that he thought he would appreciate better a trip in the other direction. Before the arrival of either Miss Wood had listened to a lecture from her father upon Mr. Lamkie's excellence and Mr. Cameron's shortcomings. Mr. Lamkie, feeling that he could make himself interesting to the young lady of his choice by certain notes and comments as the description of the Holy Land proceeded, appropriated her early in the evening, taking a seat by her when the party were assembled in the large drawing room awaiting the appearance of the lecturer. In deference to her gaze

Miss Wood selected a seat farthest in the rear and at the left of the line. Mr. Cameron stood leaning against the wall on the opposite side of the room and near the front.

The evening was nearly spent, the lecturer was approaching Jerusalem and the end of his discourse, when something gave way in the stereopticon, and even that light which was permitted to fall only on the screen was suddenly extinguished. In ten seconds after the accident there was heard proceeding from the identical spot where Miss Wood and the young theologian were sitting a kiss. It was not a brotherly nor a sisterly nor a filial kiss. It was not a short kiss, nor was it very long, but there was in it a great deal of body—a kiss to set the young pairs of lovers in the room tingling. Mr. Wood on perceiving the accident to the stereopticon rushed to the electric button and turned on the light. But half a minute had elapsed before he succeeded in doing this. The sudden illumination revealed every person's head in the room turned toward the guilty couple. Mr. Lamkie was scarlet, and Miss Wood was rosy red. Mr. Cameron was observed standing in the position he had occupied when the lecture began and was the only person in the room who had the good taste to refrain from staring at the much observed couple.

The guests were shocked. Mr. Wood was furious and was inclined to order the offender from the house. That offender took the first opportunity to go to the host and hastened to assert his innocence. He was not believed by Mr. Wood, who turned his back upon him. Miss Carrie tried to laugh the matter off, while Cameron magnanimously asserted that any man sitting by so lovely a girl in the dark who didn't kiss her was a fool.

Mr. Lamkie after this episode was not in a position to press his suit for the hand of Miss Wood. He did not dare be seen with her for fear of exciting comment; indeed it called a blush to his face the moment he came into her presence when others were about. She manifested no displeasure with him, but this did not save him from being criticised for conduct at least unbecoming to the cloth. It was not remarkable that his rival, having the preference of the girl and since the disagreeable incident of her father—new converts are always most enthusiastic—should succeed in carrying all before him. There was a magnificent wedding, but Lamkie, a newly made clergyman, did not attend. Indeed his friendly relations with the bride were only restored by the persistence of the husband, who confessed to every one that the map implicated that it was he who had darted from one side of the room to the other, given the smack and barely got back to his position when the lights were turned on.

"But," he would add in conclusion, "what can be expected from such a disreputable character as myself?"

MABEL E. HOXLEY.

SENATORIAL EXPENSES.

Luxuries Bought For Members of the Upper House.

CANDY AND QUININE IN THE LIST

Telegraph Message to John D. Rockefeller Paid For by the Government—It Cost Thirty Cents and Was Sent by Senator Aldrich—Hairbrushes and Scents Among the Items Bought Last Year.

Just 30 cents' worth of telegraphing, for which the government paid, took place between John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate, and Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island during the last year, according to the official report of the secretary of the senate. It is presumed the telegram was on official business, says a Washington dispatch to the New York World.

The entry is under "miscellaneous items," in the "contingent account of the senate," and is dated May 2, 1902. "Aldrich, Washington, to Rockefeller, New York, 30."

That's all. The list also shows that during the time Senator Foraker and "Boss" Cox of Cincinnati were not on speaking terms, supposedly. Senator Foraker sent Mr. Cox fourteen telegrams.

Senator Beveridge holds the record for telegrams sent. From the record it would appear that every time Senator Fairbanks sent a telegram to Indiana Senator Beveridge rushed to the nearest telegraph office and sent three.

Senators Platt and Dewey either paid for the bulk of their messages or "franked" them. All told, these two senators did not send more than twenty telegrams chargeable to the contingent fund. Senator Hanna and Senator Allison, known to his colleagues as "Pussy Foot," left no telegraphic trail.

Telegraphing is not the only luxury of a senator, for the report tells of 200 tons of "best timothy hay for use of United States senate." It does not explain whether this has taken the place of breakfast foods or is for the use of the horses.

There is also an item of "one oak refrigerator and pan for committee on woman suffrage." Evidently some senator in the privacy of his committee room is doing light housekeeping, for there appears "for repairing three electric stoves, \$4.35." The record does not show in what committee rooms the stoves are, but there is an entry for a year's subscription to the Ladies Home Journal furnished C. D. Clark of Wyoming.

The senators exceeded their usual limit in luxuries, for they bought a "Piffard apparatus for static electric machine" for \$40 to be used in the barber shop. Although not every senator has hair on his head, some five dozen hairbrushes were bought and paid for out of the contingent fund of the senate, not to count nine dozen combs. The motto must be pretty bad in the senate, for forty pounds of camphor were bought and 109 pounds of sponges, which does not include one dozen bath sponges at \$20 a dozen.

Some of the other things bought for the senators to make them look and smell nice were attar of roses, oil of bergamot, glycerin, hair tonic, bay rum, vaseline, dandruff cures, a gallon of cologne, fourteen different kinds of soap and some feather dusters.

As a special reward to senators who behaved themselves twenty-five pounds of borehound candy were purchased and dispensed, together with some 6,000 quinine tablets and the usual \$6,000 worth of mineral waters. Just as soon as a man becomes a senator he cultivates the mineral water habit, bathes in artificial salt water and steps out on velvet bath mats.

HOW CASSATT KEPT WARM.

Ingenuity in Heating Railway President's Sidetracked Train.

When President A. J. Cassatt of the Pennsylvania railroad and a party of railroad officials, which included Vice Presidents Pugh and Rea and Superintendent of Passenger Transportation Sheaffer, arrived at Pittsburg recently the train of four "specials" was sidetracked at Pitsalra, says the Philadelphia Telegraph. When the locomotive was detached the supply of steam which heated the cars ceased. As the night was cold and damp, the discomfort, not to say danger, to the occupants of the coaches could not have been but marked.

Now, while Mr. Cassatt and the other members of the party would undoubtedly have accepted the situation with good grace, the Pittsburg trainmen would have considered any discomfort suffered by the party as a reflection on their ability. So the lack of heat was supplied by the laying of a line of pipe 1,500 feet in length from the cars to an adjacent power house, from which was obtained an adequate supply of live steam during the night.

The thing was accomplished so quickly and quietly that none of the party was aware until the following morning that anything out of the ordinary had been done to insure their comfort.

The Angora cat.
The Angora cat is peculiar. When its fur is entirely white the animal is invariably blind, but when there is even the slightest tinge of color the vision is as perfect as in any other normal cat. This phenomenon is not accounted for. The only case of a similar kind known is that of the fishes in Mammoth cave, which have no eyes.

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NEW THEORY OF EATING.

Englishman Favors Thorough Mastication and Much Less Food.

Horace Fletcher, an English merchant resident in Italy, has made a serious attack on the eating habit, says the Chicago Chronicle. By experiments on himself and others he claims to prove that even the so called daily ration prescribed by science is 50 per cent too large. He holds that the energy needed to digest the surplus half is a total loss of vital force. He holds also, and this is the gist of his theories, that a worse fault than eating too much is not masticating thoroughly and that less than half in amount of food masticated four to five times as long as is customary sustains life, strength and flesh far better than is now done and does not furnish the causes of the indigestion and many of the diseases common among all peoples. It is said that our war department is now making thorough investigation of the subject, which may be said to be a guarantee that it is no joke.

It is a curious theory and not the least of its possibilities are economic. If nearly everybody eats 50 per cent too much and all the people of the United States could be educated to eat according to Mr. Fletcher's theory the saving, subtracted from the daily trade of dealers in all kinds of provisions, would create disturbance in the market and a readjustment of occupations all along the line.

ONE ON THE SENATOR.

Next Reply of London Bus Conductor to Mr. Perkins of California.

Senator George C. Perkins of California returned recently from a three months' tour of Europe, says the Chicago Record-Herald. The unprecedented rainfall over there interfered considerably with Mr. Perkins' pleasure, but it gave him an opportunity to sample the humor of the London bus conductors.

One rainy day Mr. Perkins boarded a bus and took a seat inside. He began soon to feel the regular pattering of water drops upon his head. The roof of the bus leaked, and the American was suffering from this fact.

The conductor just then came in to collect the fares, and Mr. Perkins said to him:

"What's the matter with this roof? Does it do this always?"

"No, sir; only when it rains," the conductor answered, smiling.

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